

## **ECONOMY ISSUES**

### **SAUDI OIL**

**July 3, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported the good news for people tired of high gas prices. Saudi Arabia announced that it will put an additional 500-thousand barrels of oil on the market everyday. Officials there say they want to bring the price of oil down to 25 dollars a barrel. Right now, it's at 32 dollars a barrel. Last month, OPEC agreed to produce more oil, but it didn't bring the price of a gallon of gas down. However, most experts believe this move by the Saudis will finally bring some relief to drivers.

### **MILK SPILL PROTESTS**

**July 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported the way dairy farmers in California and across the country expressed their independence on the Fourth of July. They dumped hundreds of gallons of milk down the drain in hopes of driving up prices. Because of a surplus of milk on the market, producer prices have dropped below production costs. Farmers hope the dump will put a dent in that surplus. They also hope the demonstration would push the government to establish an emergency basic price.

### **MEXICAN FOX POLITICS**

**July 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:49**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported the sweeping announcement by Fox to revitalize Mexico's ailing economy. However, those ambitious plans could be quickly derailed by a power feud among what is now the opposition party. Vicente Fox said he wants to forge formal trading links with other Central and South American communities. He also wants to establish a North American market which matches the European union. Meanwhile, the outgoing President of the PRI Party handed in her resignation, opening the door to power feuds within that party that may have a resounding effect on the transition of power since the PRI controls the upper house of parliament.

### **GOVERNOR BUDGET**

**July 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported the California tax relief provided for cars and child-care. Governor Gray Davis signed a multi-billion dollar tax rebate package in L.A. It cut the vehicle license fee for motorists by about 35%, which will take effect next year. Other tax breaks include a child-care tax credit. Davis says the rebates come from an unexpected budget surplus. The issue of tax relief held up passage of the budget in the assembly for several days.

### **UNEMPLOYMENT**

**July 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Uncle Sam went out with the latest report on jobs and unemployment. He found that last month the unemployment rate went down to four percent, one of the lowest unemployment rates in three decades. Unfortunately, there were very few new jobs created last month-Only eleven thousand, and that's only a fraction of the 250,000 new jobs that were expected. That was a sign that the economy was slowing down because of those interest rate hikes by the fed and because of higher oil prices.

### **AIR FARE WAR**

**July 11, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported as usual, the air fare was triggered along the East coast, but it didn't take long for it to spread nationwide. US Airways is now discounting fares across the USA, to Canada, and the Caribbean by 25%. Southwest Airlines has brought back its \$99 one-way cross country fare. Along the East coast, where fare wars start because of high competition, fares to Florida are as low as \$75 dollars are as low as \$75 dollars from cities in the North East. Watch for this fare war to spread especially as fuel prices come down, giving the airlines more leeway on ticket prices.

### **BUSINESS STORY**

**July 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported the big news on Wall Street that helped financial stocks and the internet stocks. The internet has received a lift from Yahoo. Yahoo reported better than expected profits. The financials received a boost from Paine Webber. A European financial company bought Paine Webber for about 16 billion dollars, and that helped the values of other banks and brokers.

### **COFFEE PRICES**

**July 13, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that coffee prices were perking up due to a region of frost in Brazilian crops in winter. On the commodity markets, the price of coffee shot up almost 12% and that's a rise of about eleven cents a pound.

### **BEEF CONSUMPTION**

**July 14, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:18**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that BEEF IS BACK! According to the US Agriculture Department. Beef sales rose two percent equaling about 66 pounds of beef per person each year. The soaring economy and new diets emphasizing protein are two reasons beef consumption was high.

### **REACTION-SMOKING**

**July 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the tobacco companies argue adult smoking is a matter of choice and the industry is an essential element to the American economy by contributing billions in tax revenue to states and municipalities. There are 46 million adult smokers in this country. That's 1/4 of the American population over the age of 18. In dollars and cents from this past year, the bottom line in retail sales was 53-billion dollars, and that retail figure supports millions of jobs and livelihoods.

### **INFLATION**

**July 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that as expected, inflation picked up last month but Wall Street was surprised by just how much inflation increased. Uncle Sam that morning reported that the consumer price index gained six tenths of one percent. So far this year, inflation is running at about four percent. You can blame rising prices for gasoline and the biggest jump in natural gas prices on record.

### **INTEL**

**July 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Alan Mendelson reported that the growth of the internet is one reason why computer chip maker Intel is forecasting higher sales the rest of the year. Intel continues to be one of the hot stocks of Wall Street and that week set new yearly highs despite the selling in other computer stocks including Microsoft and Apple Computer. Microsoft and Apple were lower that morning with analysts disappointed that their profit reports weren't stronger.

### **GREENSPAN**

**July 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:58**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported the Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan while fixing the economy is known for saying the wrong thing for Wall Street. It seems that every time he goes before congress, he says something about inflation picking up and then the stock market tanks. Well on this day Greenspan went before Congress and he said the economy is slowing and that could help keep a lid on inflation. Wall Street liked that and stocks shot up. Those comments are the first sign from fed that its policy of raising interest rates is working with controlled inflation. Still, some analysts looked for one more interest rate hike from the government.

### **ATT PROFITS**

**July 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:52**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that AT&T was also the biggest cable TV operator in the country since purchasing MediaOne. AT&T reported a big increase in profits and not from traditional long distance services. AT&T said its profits during the second quarter rose by eighteen percent and the company said those profits came from wireless phone business and from its cable TV operations. Analysts say that AT&T is losing money from its traditional long distance services and is pledged to cut costs. Because of deregulation, there are too many low cost competitors in the long distance business. Two other companies reporting big profits are Chevron, and Exxon-Mobil.

### **HOME SALES**

**July 26, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:17**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the State Association of Realtors said rising prices and higher interest rates are slowing home sales and pushing more prospective buyers to the sidelines. In June, the median price of a single family home rose nine percent over the same time last year.

### **ECONOMY**

**July 28, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:41**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that consumer spending is starting to slow and that it's a good sign, a sign that the higher interest policy of the fed is working and inflation might stay under control. Meanwhile, the economy during April, May, and June was red hot with Gross Domestic Product going up at a very fast pace of more than five percent--That means jobs should stay plentiful.



### **CIGARETTE PRICES**

**July 31, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that smokers are going to have to pay a bit more for a pack of smokes. The Wall Street journal reports that two tobacco companies are raising the price of wholesale cigarettes by 6 cents a pack. A tobacco industry analyst says the increase was anticipated to help pay for the billion dollar tobacco settlements.

### **INTEREST RATES**

**July 31, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the latest round of economic figures showing a slowing economy. Many analysts on Wall Street still expected the fed to raise interest rates by one-quarter of percent next month. Meanwhile, I'm getting calls from viewers that they are being told that their credit card interest rates have gone up.

### **HOME SALES**

**August 2, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that mortgage rates are up and sales of new homes are down. That's the bottom line of a report made by Uncle Sam. Sales of new homes in June dropped slightly they were down four percent. But analysts say that's good news because it shows that the economy is starting to slow and that could keep the fed from raising interest rates again.

### **BUSINESS #2**

**August 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that even after six different interest rate hikes from the federal reserve, there is still no clear evidence that the economy is slowing down. This morning, Uncle Sam reported that the nation's factories got a big increase in orders during June. Factory orders for June were up nearly six percent and that was the biggest monthly increase in business in nearly nine years. Boeing was responsible for a lot of the new business Boeing got orders for 139 Jetliners in June and that can mean a lot of work for subcontractors and Boeing's own workers here in Southern California.

### **TAX FREE WEEKEND**

**August 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported the lawmakers in Texas voted to suspend state sales tax on purchases under a hundred dollars through Sunday. Politicians, knowing a good thing when they see it, already vowed to expand the tax free weekend. Lawmakers say consumers saved 32 Million dollars.

### **TOBACCO TAX HIKES**

**August 8, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales that according to the "World Health Organization", a ten percent hike in tobacco taxes worldwide would make 42-Million people stop smoking. That would save ten million lives especially in developing countries where the biggest smoking market exists. The poor and less educated are more likely to respond to a price increase. Smoking kills more than 4-Million a year.

### **MILK REPORT**

**August 9, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a group called "Mad About Milk" blames the state dairy industry for keeping milk prices high. In a new report, the advocacy group says Californians are buying less milk and getting less Calcium because state regulation ban the sale of Federally approved milk to increase profits. Critics disagree saying the study is flawed and California milk prices are at 12-year low.

### **ECONOMY**

**August 14, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:29**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that despite the six increase in interest rates over the last year, American businesses don't appear to be afraid of a slowing economy. Uncle Sam said this morning that businesses are still adding to their inventories. Inventories in June were up by nine-tenth of one percent and that was more than expected. Its a signal that businesses have no fear of a recession, but that could prompt the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates one more time to make sure the economy does slow enough to keep inflation from heating up.

### **L.A. TIME PREZ POLL**

**August 15, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:16**

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a new L.A. Times poll released showed Al Gore as the underdog. The poll shows voters don't want to give Gore credit for a strong economy and question whether he has leadership abilities. The latest poll results show the Vice President trailing Bush 39 percent to 48 percent among registered voters.

### **HOUSING**

**August 16, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the housing market continues to slow down and you can blame those interest rate hikes from the Federal Reserve. New figures from Uncle Sam showed that construction last month slipped by more than three percent. New construction has now dropped for the last three months. Meanwhile, inflation remains under control. The consumer price index last month rose just two-tenths of one percent, that puts inflation for this year at about four percent.

### **BUSINESSS STORY**

**August 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:48**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the new figures in from the Nielsen people, and the ratings for the Internet are way up. As of July, more than half of homes in the U.S. were connected to the Internet. Actually, the number is 52 percent of homes are connected to the Internet. That means that 144 Million Americans go on the web from their homes. That is up from 35% percent from a year ago. But even though more of us are surfing the web at home, we still do most of our surfing at work. At home we spend almost ten hours per month on the web. But at work, we're surfing the web more than 20 hours a month. Don't tell the boss.

### **CORPORATE PROTEST**

**August 17, 2000 3:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that protesters took aim at big business singling out one corporation for it's activities. About a hundred activists staged a peaceful demonstration after first marching to Citibank Plaza and banging on metal structures. Police surrounded the area forcing people back to Pershing Square. The protesters singled out Citibank and it's partners for giving millions of dollars to lobbyists and for allegedly helping to destroy the rain forests.

### **STAPLES BIZ**

**August 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:38**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that delegates have moved out of downtown Los Angeles and local business returned. They spent the day taking down boards that protected looters. Many of the owners say they wish they were able to remain open during the convention. They say they could have made a lot of money. Business owners believe they missed out on a lucrative opportunity. The convention was expected to boost the local economy by 132 million dollars.

### **SD POWER**

**August 21, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that people in San Diego got relief from soaring electricity prices. The California Public Utilities Commission slashed rates for residential use by 43%. Most customers will now be paying less than 70 dollars a month through January. The commission also approved a rate cap on bills for small businesses. Since California's deregulation of electric companies, demands for power has outstripped demand and sent prices soaring. Critics say the cap is still too high.

### **OIL PRICES**

**August 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:52**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that crude oil prices are up to one of the highest levels since the Persian Gulf War a decade ago. There are concerns of some fuel shortages this winter. There is word the President Clinton has sent a letter to the Royal family of Saudi Arabia asking for their help to get OPEC to pump more oil. OPEC's President has said that the oil cartel will not pump more oil before its next regularly scheduled meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup>. But a decision to pump more oil next month might come too late for the winter heating oil season. U.S. Supplies of heating oil are down 38 percent from last year, and there are worries of a heating oil shortage.

### **KRISPY KREME DONUTS**

**August 24, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Krispy Kreme company's profits nearly tripled and sales at stores open at least a year are up 19 percent from a year earlier. Wall Street just ate up that report and the stock's shares went up eleven dollars.

### **DECIMAL TRADING**

**August 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:36**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the New York Stock Exchange began trading stocks in decimals instead of fractions. That's good for investors, but not for traders. The change will affect the spread, or the difference between the price traders pay for a stock and the price at which it sells.

### **GAS PRICES**

**August 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:47**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that gas prices rose nearly two cents a gallon nationwide over the last two weeks bringing an average gallon of gasoline to a dollar fifty-five. The price hike ends a nine week decline in gas prices in which a gallon of gas dropped as much as 18 cents per gallon. Analysts attribute the hike to a rise in crude oil prices, which they say is stronger than a downward push from plentiful supply. If you want to save on gas, fill up in El Paso, Texas, that's the cheapest place in the country. The most expensive is in San Francisco at a dollar eighty-six per gallon.

### **WEB TRAVEL**

**August 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the internet travel business is alive and well. Sabre Holdings, the largest travel agency in America made an offer to buy getthere.com. The stock shot up more than forty percent on the news. It also helped other internet stocks to rally. Internet stocks have been losing ground after several reports that many web companies are running out of cash.

### **NEW HOME SALES**

**August 29, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the new housing market came roaring back to life last month. Uncle Sam said that new home sales last month shot up by nearly fifteen percent and that was more than expected. Here in the West, new home prices were up. A mid priced home last month went up by nearly four percent. And now that mortgage rates are slipping again, there are signs that the housing market could keep roaring ahead. It looks like this year will be the second best year for home sales in history with last year the best year ever.



### **UNION RALLY**

**August 31, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Terry Merryman reported that the Firestone Corporation had to replace millions of recalled tires. The company now has to deal with the threat of a strike. Eight-thousand union workers at several Firestone plants are demanding a contract. They say if negotiations don't lead to a settlement by midnight Friday, they would strike. Firestone had to double production to replace the recalled tires, and without workers, the company may not be able to meet the demand for replacements.

### **WORKING MOTHERS**

**September 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:13**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that "Working Mother" magazine compiled a list of best companies to work for. The magazine's chief editor said companies that made their top 100 list offer several benefits for employees including paying them to exercise, various flex time benefits, and even paid time off for volunteer work. Once again, IBM is among the top 10 Family-Friendly companies for the 10<sup>th</sup> time in thirteen years. Other companies ranked in the top 10 are: Allstate, Bank of America, Eli Lilly, Fannie Mae, Lincoln Financial, Life Technologies, Merrill Lynch, Novant Health and Prudential. Those companies were listed alphabetically, not by rank.

### **UNITED FLIGHT ATTENDANTS**

**September 6, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that United Airlines may have averted trouble by reaching a tentative agreement with its pilots, but more trouble is on the way. The companies flight attendants were threatening to strike. The biggest issues are scheduling, flight delays, and unhealthy overnight accommodations between trips. Flight attendants said they're committed to making those changes as soon as possible. It's been more than 30 years since United Airlines' flight attendants have gone on strike.

### **LAWSUIT**

**September 6, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a major ruling against the company MP3.com willfully violated the copyrights of record companies. The Internet music sharing service was ordered to pay "Universal Music Group" 25 thousand dollars per CD which could total as much as 250 million dollars. Universal claims MP3 copied between 5 and 10 thousand CDs.

### **KIDS VIOLENCE**

**September 11, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a new FTC study shows that that movie, video game, and music industries aggressively market violent material to young people even when the material carries adult ratings. The entertainment industry imposes a voluntary ratings system on its products, but authorities said it must be better. Entertainment officials said they were the only industry that lowers its profits by monitoring itself with a rating system.

### **SPACEY DONATION**

**September 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:19**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that striking commercial actors got a helping hand. Two-time Oscar Academy-Award winning Kevin Spacey donated 100-thousand dollars to a fund. To help union members get by during the strike. Some have been with the protest since it began four months ago. SAG union members are demanding better pay, for their work on television and radio commercials.

### **UNION SUIT**

**September 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:37**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that L.A. County and the "County Employees Retirement Association" are facing a multi-billion dollar lawsuit. County workers protested in downtown L.A. this morning as the announcement came. The lawsuit was filed by the coalition of county unions which represents some 90-thousand county workers. The suit alleges that the county has been misusing reserve funds from workers' retirement surplus earnings. The reserves in question are said to exceed three billion dollars.

### **GAS PRICES**

**September 13, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that California's gas prices have climbed to record highs. Recent reports show the average price of regular unleaded fuel is about a \$1.85. The amount of diesel gas has also sky rocketed to record levels. State energy officials say drivers may see some relief at the pump this fall when agriculture will put less of a demand on the market.

## **BUY.COM**

**September 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that a new million-dollar company launched to help Internet start-up companies. It's called, "Enfrastructure Incorporated" and the first campus is located in Aliso Viejo. Scott Blum, the founder of Buy.Com and a dozen other companies created the new business. "Enfrastructure" will give start-up companies all the infrastructure necessary for a high-tech workplace including offices, computers, phones, accounting services, restaurants, gyms and shops for its employees. "Enfrastructure" will have three sites: the one in Aliso Viejo opens in December, and will be followed by sites in New York and Colorado.

## **HOUSING**

**September 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Uncle Sam was out with a new report on home construction. It shows that the home-building business just isn't red hot anymore. The new figures were shown that home building last month was overall up a tiny three-tenths of one percent. Single family home construction was up, but construction of apartments and condos was down. Here in the west, overall construction was much weaker than the National Average. In fact, here in the West, home-building last month was down nearly six percent from the month before. Nationwide, there was also a drop in building permits, and that is also a sign of a slowdown in real estate for the coming months. On Wall Street this morning, stocks of the home-building companies, What appears to have pushed the two sides closer together is the threat of another strike early next year by writers and actors. Hollywood's top executives are now joining forces to reach an early settlement.

## **WALKOUT UPDATE**

**September 26, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:55**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that negotiations between MTA and union representatives have come to a halt tonight. Union representatives James Williams said he was joining the more than 4,000 MTA workers on the picket line. He's calling on city leaders to get involved while the MTA appealed to the union to get workers back on the job. The MTA union strike is entering its 12<sup>th</sup> day.

## **MTA RALLY**

**September 29, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:29**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that thousands of county workers rallied in support of striking MTA bus drivers, teachers, and others packed into the civic center at noontime. They urged Mayor Riordan to get involved in the labor dispute that has crippled the city's transit system for the past two weeks. Mayor Riordan still stands with the MTA. But the strikers got support from local, state, and national politicians. The drivers think only Governor Gray Davis can end the negotiation stalemate by signing the senate bill 11-01. If the Governor vetoes the bill, drivers fear the MTA will hire other drivers at a lower wage. MTA officials also said they were ready to return to the bargaining table.

## EDUCATION ISSUES

### **STANFORD 9 TESTS**

**July 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that there's some good news in the latest Stanford 9 test scores for L.A. students. There was improvement in the scores for grades two through 12. The results will be released later this month, and will show that elementary school students had the most improvement. Second graders went up six-points in reading, and third graders went up five points. Despite this positive news, reading scores throughout the L.A. unified districts are in the bottom third nationwide.

### **TEACHER SALARIES**

**July 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:21**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the nation's largest teachers union is debating the controversial issue of how teachers should be paid. The National Education Association is expected to vote today whether to link bonus pay to how well teachers and their students do. Critics say that's unfair to teachers who have difficult students. They say raising base salaries is a better way to attract more competent teachers.

### **GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL**

**July 5, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:37**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Governor Gray Davis signed a package of bills providing more money for schools and higher pay for some teachers. The package totals almost two and a half billion dollars. Much of it will reimburse school districts for the rising cost of living. But some of the money goes towards raising teachers' starting minimum salary to 34 thousand dollars, and they'll be getting a credit on their state income tax. Davis had proposed eliminating state income taxes for all licensed public school teachers, but lawmakers rejected that idea.



### **ROMER FIRST MEETING**

**July 6, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the Los Angeles unified school district board has elected a President and welcomed in their new superintendent. Board members sat down for the first public meeting with superintendent Roy Romer and they once again voted in Genethia Hayes in as President. She told reporters she's committed to the job and explained many educational programs the board is working toward.

### **GOV/SAT9 RESULT**

**July 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the Stanford 9 test shows that kids in the lowest grades made the biggest gains. Governor Davis was at the Niemes Elementary School in Artesia to personally congratulate students whose Stanford 9 test results rose 200 points this year. Overall, L.A. students made the biggest gains in reading, language, and spelling, but slipped in math.

### **BELMONT SUIT**

**July 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:42**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund filed suit against the L.A. school district over half-completed building. The group wanted to force the district to launch a new study of the downtown site. The school board abandoned the project last January after high levels of dangerous chemicals were found on the property. but the current Belmont High School is overcrowded and those suing want the building completed. The school district spent 200 million dollars on the Belmont Center before deciding health risk to students would be too high.

### **CSU UNIT MINIMUM**

**July 19, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:29**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new policy at California State University will lighten the class load for some students pursuing a bachelor's degree. The governing board agreed to lower the minimum graduation requirement from 124 to 120 units. That means students will be required to take at least one less class. It's not for all students right now, but as campuses conduct routine reviews of their major and minor degree programs. They will look for areas to reduce unit requirements. Some caution that reducing the unit minimum too quickly could hurt Cal State's reputation.

### **TEACHER MORTGAGE**

**July 26, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Los Angeles Board of Education came up with a new way to attract teachers to the area. They plan to help teachers find and buy a home. The board unveiled the mortgage assistance program. New and veteran teachers will be able to purchase 250-thousand dollar homes with no down payment. Teachers must have good credit history in order to qualify.

### **NEW SCHOOLS**

**July 27, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that L.A. county broke ground on a new elementary school. It's one of seven the district plans on building this year. The site stretches from Van Nuys to Bell. Many residents in the area agree a new school is desperately needed. But some are concerned about the number of students and the amount of traffic expected. The school district plans on breaking ground at the site in Van Nuys and another in Bell late next month.

### **TEACHERS RALLY**

**August 2, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:47**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that L.A. teachers held a rally at Los Angeles High School. The issues included money and safety conditions in city schools. Hundreds of teachers showed up. They said they chose L.A. High because of the dirty and dilapidated conditions at the school. Teachers said they haven't had a real raise in more than ten years. Teachers want more security, cleaner facilities and functioning air conditioning and heating at all schools. They say so far district officials are not willing to negotiate and they are working without a new contract.

### **RIORDAN/RNC**

**August 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:38**

KCAL anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Mayor Riordan addressed the Republican National Convention cross-country to the convention in Philadelphia. Riordan delivered a live speech from the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance. IT was about children and education, and encouraged people to participate or volunteer in any worthy cause to benefit kids and improve learning.

### **MAGIC WEEKEND**

**August 4, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:43**

KCAL anchor Mia Lee reported that some college students and future college students had the opportunity of a lifetime here in the Southland. They've won scholarships awarded by the Magic Johnson Foundation. They gathered in Santa Monica to get advice about problems with financial aid, romance, and almost anything young people face as they set out in life. One scholarship winner said the program has meant more than just dollars.

### **EDUCATION SURVEY**

**August 8, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new education survey found that a lot of teens were looking at the brighter side of things. The survey of 14 to 18-year old students revealed nearly three-fourths thought they'll have opportunities after they graduate. That's up from a similar poll last year. The poll also said more students felt safer in school recognizing that officials had taken safety measures in the wake of recent school shootings.

### **COLLEGE LOANS**

**August 10, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the cost of going to college may be getting a little bit cheaper. President Clinton was expected to unveil a plan to cut the costs of college loans. The plan included offering interest rebates for students who repay their loans on time and allowing students to refinance loans at lower interest rates. The White House estimates students could save 13-hundred dollars over the life of a direct college loan.

### **GOVERNOR DAVIS/EDUCATION**

**August 12, 2000 Sat ( ) TRT 00:41**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Governor Gray Davis put smiles on some faces with a two-hundred and fifty-thousand dollar gift. The Governor was on-hand to dedicate L.A.'s first charter high school and present it with a start up check. He also talked about how he'll address California's education issues at next week's convention. Animo High School will predominately serve the Latino Community. Classes begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month at the campus of the University of West Los Angeles.

### **NEW DEMOCRATS**

**August 15, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that education was the focus at a convention related panel in Beverly Hills. Senators Evan Bayh of Indiana and the Governors of North Carolina, West Virginia, and New Hampshire along with superintendent Roy Romer talked about improving the education system. Director-Screenwriter Gary Ross moderated the session hosted by the Democratic Leadership Council and the Creative Artists Agency.

### **EDUCATION/ACLU**

**August 15, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that more rundown schools in the Southland have prompted the ACLU to take another step in its education lawsuit. ACLU advocates announced they've added 28-schools to their class action lawsuit, "Williams Against the State of California". Advocates showed pictures of schools that are falling apart. They claim many inner city schools have inadequate space materials, and teachers. They wanted equal education for all students. One mother spoke about the problems her daughter faces. Several L.A. inner city schools, as well as schools in Monterey Park, Lynwood, and Inglewood are included in the lawsuit.

### **MINORITY TEENS**

**August 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that on group of Southland teens is watching closely. These inner city teens are taking part in a pre-college program. It's the result of a class action suit filed by the ACLU. After proposition 209 passed, banning affirmative action, fewer minorities entered California colleges. The lawsuit was intended to address that problem. These teens spent the summer observing events surrounding the convention. They were able to get inside the Staples Center for a tour before delegates arrived. Now they are hoping they can get in to see some of the action.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

**August 23, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:17**

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that yesterday's decision by the Federal Reserve "NOT" to raise interest rates came at an important time for many families. This is back to school shopping time.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

**August 24, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:29**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that newly elected Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Roy Romer is welcoming administrators back to school. 18-hundred school principals, assistant principals and administrators gathered downtown in the morning to hear their newly elected superintendent. He spoke optimistically of the new reorganization of the school district that happened in July. This was the first time Romer has had an informal meeting with school administrators since taking office July 1<sup>st</sup>. The new school year for most of the district's campuses start September 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **HIGH RISK TEENS**

**August 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:38**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that students were soon heading back to school but not today for some. Today was a special day of fun and sun for hundreds of L.A. county students at Cabrillo Beach. The kids are considered at risk youth from some of L.A.'s toughest neighborhoods. They're enrolled in an after school program called "L.A. Bridges". The focus of "L.A. Bridges" is gang prevention and intervention.

### **SCHOOL NURSES**

**August 28, 2000 12:00P.M. ( ) TRT 00:17**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that with school about to start, many parents are worried about their kids safety. many schools across the country are taking some very big chances whether they realize it or not. Most schools don't have a nurse on staff, and experts said that is a big risk.

### **SAT SCORS**

**August 29, 2000 8:00 P.M ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a test company said the math scores on the college entrance exam are at the highest level since 1959. The higher math scores are attributed to high school students taking more math and science courses. The results were based on this year's SAT scores of more that one-million high school seniors who took the test. The average math score was 514, up three points from last year and the highest in 31 years. The average verbal score was 505, the same since 1996.



### **SCHOOL VOUCHERS**

**August 31, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:34**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the school voucher incentive has created an issue for the fall debate. Both supporters and opponents of proposition 38 held a demonstration outside Dorsey High School in the Crenshaw district. Under the proposition, anyone would be eligible for the four-thousand dollar vouchers no matter what their income.

### **BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS**

**September 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that if your child's in a "blue ribbon school" he or she may not be getting as good of an education as you might think. In fact, a new study said only about a fourth of the public schools with that distinction achieved academic excellence. 17 out of the 70 Blue Ribbon school finished in the bottom 50 percentile in Academic Test scores. Department of Education officials said education officials said other factors besides academic scores are considered in determining blue ribbon schools.

### **KINDERGARTEN DATES**

**September 5, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Governor Gray Davis wants kindergartners to be better prepared for the classroom. So he's expected to sign a bill that would require students be five-years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> rather than December 2<sup>nd</sup> as it was now. The bill would also require schools to have a "kindergarten readiness" program for kids who have not been enrolled in pre-school.

### **SCHOOL VIOLENCE**

**September 6, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that FBI researchers issued a "Threat Assessment Guide" school officials can use to prevent shootings. Warning signs include depression, a pathological need for attention, racial intolerance, and a preoccupation with violence, FBI researchers stress, the point is not to single out students as criminals, but help those who make threats. Other experts criticize the FBI study. They say many non-violent teens exhibit the same traits as those listed in the guide.

### **SCHOOL COMPUTERS**

**September 12, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that they're considered the wave of the future, but one group said computers are a waste of money for schools. The "alliance for childhood" said billions of dollars are spent for computers in classrooms. It believes the money would be better spent on teachers and books. The group said there's little evidence that computers help improve test scores for elementary school students. They believe that computers have contributed to a rise in repetitive stress injuries and obesity in kids.

### **SPRINT PCS**

**September 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Sprint has helped schools across Los Angeles make the connection. Sprint PCS offered a special gift during a press conference at Leo Politi Elementary School. The company donated more than 300 wireless telephones to 60 schools. Now teachers who are farther away from administrative offices or on field trips are just a phone call away from help should they need any. During the upcoming year, Sprint PCS plans to put wireless phones in more classrooms throughout Los Angeles, Orange County, and the Inland Empire.

### **STUDENT HEALTH**

**September 14, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the University of California regents will vote on a new measure requiring all UC students to have health insurance. Students would have to purchase insurance that covers services beyond those provided for free university clinics. The students have to have proof of coverage before enrolling in classes. University officials estimate that 40% of the undergraduate students statewide are uninsured, and many drop out when they have medical problems they can't pay for. One place to get the insurance: the college itself. The UC system expects to offer group rates for students.

### **COMPTON SCHOOLS**

**September 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the State Department of Education took the unusual step of taking over management of the Compton District. Compton School test scores were then the lowest in California, and the district was 20 Million dollars in debt. Scores have since seen a modest rise. The handover process could take several years. An announcement is expected at a school board meeting tomorrow.

### **BEST TEACHERS**

**September 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that twelve Los Angeles County teachers were honored by their peers. The dozen represent the profession's best out of more than 74,000 teachers countywide. At the ceremony this morning the teachers spoke about the great honor in being chosen. The teachers were chosen by a panel of judges after submitting written essays. The 22 semi-finalists then were interviewed, had to bring in student projects and outline their philosophies on teaching. The twelve will compete next month with others from around the state in the "California Teachers of the Year program".

### **ANTI-SCHOOL VOUCHERS**

**September 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a group called "The African American Church Congregation Committee Against School Vouchers" has been formed to fight proposition 38. The group is led by the Reverend Cecil Murray, Dr. William Epps, and Dr. Norman Johnson. They represent three of L.A.'s largest and oldest African American congregations. The pastors were joined by other Black leaders calling for the defeat of Prop. 38. Proposition 38 would give California parents a \$4,000 voucher for each child. The voucher would be accepted at private or religious schools. Advocates said it allows parents free choice. Opponents said it will take billions away from state's public school system.

### **TEACHERS STRIKE**

**September 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:41**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that thousands of teachers took part in a vote on whether to authorize a union strike if the district doesn't meet their demands. The union wants an immediate 18% pay hike. But the district offered a 20% raise with benefits stretched over three years. Voting results will be announced Thursday. If the teachers vote to authorize a strike, it's not likely to happen until mid October at the earliest.

### **SCHOOL PESTICIDE**

**September 25, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that parents will be notified when pesticides are used at their children's schools. Governor Gray Davis was in Northridge at the Balboa-Gifted Magnet School. He signed the bill into law. Actress Kelly Preston was on hand to show her support. The bill requires a three-day notice to parents when officials will spray the school for bugs and pests. The measure also creates a system to notify parents about which pesticides may be used at schools.

**SOCIAL PROMOTION**

**September 29, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell that the daily News reports the school district quietly scrapped a plan to have as many as 90,000 students repeat grades. School officials said they are still committed to the program, but have been hampered by the complexity of holding back so many students combined with a lack of classroom space. This year, 5,600 second-graders and 726 eighth-graders were held back.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

### **HURRICANE CURE**

**July 3, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that there's not cure for the common cold, but Peter Cardani of Florida thinks he has a cure for the common hurricane. He thought of using a gardening product called 'soil moist'. Apparently, its particles suck-up 250-times their weight in moisture. Cardani's theory is to drop it over a storm as it forms in the ocean and suck the life out of it. The U.S. Government is looking into his idea but critics said even if all the moisture was removed from a hurricane, it could replenish in a matter of hours.

### **GREENPEACE PROTEST**

**July 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that with the countdown for the missile test on, the environmental group Greenpeace is voicing its opposition. Group members demonstrated outside the Vandenburg Airforce Base. They're also taking to the seas in protest. The U.S. Air Force had imposed a restriction on the zone surrounding the test site. But Greenpeace will send in one of its ship, off the coast of California, in an effort to stop the test.

### **SMOG PAPERS**

**July 8, 2000 Sat 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that Southlanders can expect to have more pagers beeping and cell phones ringing if they sign up for a new program. Three cell phone and pager companies now offer customers smog and air quality reports. The companies are Outspoken Industries, TSR Wireless, and Pagenet. Pagers will beep and phones will ring every time the air quality reaches "hazardous levels". This service was originally test marketed to parents with

### **QUAKE PROJECT**

**July 11, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a specially designed earthquake simulator has tested current quake-proof building codes to see if they're strong enough. They're subjecting a two story house to a magnitude 6.7 quake—The same force that struck Northridge back 1994. The Northridge quake caused more than 20 billion dollars in damage. The study is being funded by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

### **PLANE DELAYS**

**July 13, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:22**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that flight delays across America were at a record high last month. This followed record delays in 1998 and 1999. FAA officials have not yet commented on this year's delays, some of which can be blamed on unusual storm patterns. However, the agency's plans this year were aimed at keeping planes flying despite bad weather.

### **SUN FLARES**

**July 14, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:33**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported that a powerful sun flare erupted from the sun creating a geomagnetic storm on starting tomorrow causing vivid displays of the Northern Lights as far South as Denver and Washington D.C. tomorrow night through Monday. The flare and resulting gas weren't harmful to anyone on Earth. The solar storms are the most active since October of 1989 when power blackouts occurred in Canada.

### **CASH FOR CARS**

**July 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported about a new state program that offered 'one thousand dollars' to any motorist willing to give up a vehicle that failed smog checks or pay up to '500 dollars' to get it fixed so that it'll pass smog. The program began this month, and is expected to last 4 years.

### **TAHOE TSUNAMI**

**July 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported tidal waves in Lake Tahoe. Researchers said faults under the lake are capable of creating earthquakes in the seven-magnitude range. If that happens, it could cause "massive tidal waves" or tsunamis. Researchers said an earthquake might not occur for hundreds of years, or it might happen tomorrow. They said the immediate quake impact would be a tidal wave moving across the lake. Kings Beach and South shore would be hard hit. Then rebound waves would continue for hours.

### **MEXICO EARTHQUAKE**

**July 21, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:18**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported a strong earthquake rocked Mexico. The magnitude five-point-nine felt all the way in Mexico City. The powerful quake overturned vehicles and caused brief power outages around the area. So far there were no reports of deaths or injuries.



### **SAVE MALIBU**

**July 23, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:48**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported millions of people enjoyed the surf and sand of Southland beaches each year. But aside from the sun and the fun. Surf Rider Beach in Malibu holds the dubious distinction of being the most polluted beach in the Santa Monica Bay. Today's "Save the Malibu" was designed to clean up the beach as well as raise awareness. The event also served as a fund-raiser for pollution education projects.

### **MERCURY MINES**

**July 26, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:42**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported A serious toxic risk from Mercury has faced some Sacramento area water customers. They're pointing a finger at a nearby gold mine. Experts say miners in the gold rush era built a sluice box at the polar star tunnel, and filled it with Mercury to attract gold. But now the Mercury is seeping from the tunnel at one-thousand times the rate considered hazardous and it's leaking into water supplies and streams. To make matters worse, weekend scavengers have been getting into the contaminated water hoping to find gold. The EPA has established a Superfund Project at the site to test and clean the Mercury.

### **FIRE DANGER**

**July 28, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:42**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported local firefighters warned people about summer fire dangers. They've been testing brush every couple weeks, and their latest tests show that it's as dry around Southern California as it's been in nearly 20 years. These flames from last night's brush fire in the Angeles National Forest served as a reminder of what we could see this summer. This fire burned 150-acres before it was put out early this morning.

### **HIGH SURF**

**July 31, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported some swells at Newport towered eight to ten feet high. Lifeguards carried out nearly 100 rescues about five times for a normal summer Monday. They also issued warnings to several thousand other beach-goers. Storms off Baja triggered the high surf.

### **POWER SAVE**

**August 1, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:15**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that from high surf to high temperatures and high energy use, the temperatures reached the hundreds in several Southland cities which could've led to power outage.

### **MALIBU SURF**

**August 1, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:15**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the surf's up in Malibu, and while surfers may think that's good news, it put homeowners along the coast on high alert. The pounding waves damaged some homes, and the danger wasn't over yet.

### **PALMDALE RAIN**

**August 1, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported that it was a very hot and uncomfortably humid. The skies opened up over the Angeles National Forest this afternoon taking everyone by surprise. Heavy rain and hail suddenly made travel hazardous.

### **HEAT/SENIORS**

**August 2, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:19**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that triple digit temperatures and muggy weather took their toll on residents. The long-lasting heat wave could have brought dangers to the elderly.

### **HEAT**

**August 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the heatwave put a drain on energy supplies. Utility companies asked us all to use less electricity during the heat of the day. A stage two emergency alert was in effect until eight that night. A stage three could've triggered blackouts.

### **MEXICO QUAKE**

**August 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:28**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that people in Mexico were still checking out the damage after a strong earthquake rattled Mexico that morning. The quake centered just off the Pacific Coast near Michoacan. It shook Southwest and central Mexico, and could be felt in Mexico City. The shaking cracked walls, broke windows, and left areas without power. Reports so far of at least one person hurt after a wall collapsed. U.S. authorities said the quake reached 6.4 magnitude, but Mexican authorities measured it at 7.0.

### **DUST STORM**

**August 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:14**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that powerful monsoonal winds blew through Phoenix last night knocking out power all over the city. A dust storm kicked up massive amounts of dust. Dust clouds caused poor visibility for drivers on the roads. Winds in some areas were blowing up to 40 mph.

### **MT. FIRE/SPACE**

**August 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the Governor of Montana has now declared the entire state a disaster area. 25 huge wildfires have burned more than 400-thousand acres there. The disaster declaration takes effect at midnight. It allowed the National Guard to operate anywhere in Montana that was needed.

### **HURRICANE PREPS**

**August 22, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported that Puerto Rico escaped Debby, but now the storm headed for the Bahamas. There was a chance that the storm would hit the South eastern coast of the United States if it continued on it's track with winds of more than 75 mph.

### **QUAKE VICTIMS**

**August 23, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:50**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that victims from the Northridge earthquake may get one more year to re-file damage claims if the Burton Bill becomes law. Assemblyman Wally Knox spoke about the measure in Encino. The assembly already passed it. The Senate was expected to approve it and send it to Governor Gray Davis. Insurers say the bill allows the potential unfair reopening of more than 600-thousand claims. Most say they were settled satisfactorily, and the bill removes any reason for them to voluntarily rescind controversial settlements which is what the acting-insurance commissioner wants them to do.

### **PLUMAS FIRE**

**August 24, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the fire burning in the Plumas National Forest, in Northern California, grew by several thousand acres overnight, but crews say they're finally starting to get the upper hand. The fire that burned more than thirty-thousand acres was about 1/3 contained. But there is bad weather news ahead, a lightening storm that could spark new flames is predicted for this weekend. So far, no orders for evacuations.

### **FLASH FLOOD**

**August 24, 2000 ( ) TRT 00:32**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported that some wild weather. Thunderstorms with very heavy rain moved through San Bernadino County. Flash flood warnings were issued for the Southeastern part of the county, but those have been lifted. There were a number of reported lightening strikes in the 29 palms area. The storm also forced a partial closure of highway 62. No injuries have been reported, but the San Bernadino Sheriff's office did say they've had to rescue a number of people trapped by the quickly rising waters.

### **LA SMOG**

**August 24, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the City of Los Angeles has taken the top spot on the pollution list being ranked the most polluted city in the nation. It regained the title from Houston, after recording more than a week of unhealthy air, but Houston could take the title back, it all depends on the weather. The final week of August is normally the smoggiest time of the year in Southern California.

### **JOSHUA TREE RAIN**

**August 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:19**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that while most of the Southland was basking in the warm weather, other parts of the region were soaking in a deluge of rain. From Wrightwood to Joshua Tree, a freak summer storm pelted areas with buckets of rain causing severe flooding.

### **WILD WEATHER**

**August 28, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported that there's been some wild weather around the Southland particularly in the mountains and deserts. Late summer thunderstorms pounded the high desert East of Los Angeles. Several inches of rain fell on Victorville and Apple Valley while lightning flashed over neighboring areas. While in the nearby mountains, rain turned to hail and 60 mph gusts of wind buffeted resort communities and ski slopes in Big Bear and running springs.

### **MORNING RAIN**

**August 29, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the first rain storm in months made its presence felt causing several accidents and snarling traffic. The CHP logged three times as many crash reports during the morning commute than last Tuesday when the streets were dry. Meanwhile, county health officials issued a reminder that the bacteria level in ocean water close to storm drains generally increases during and after rain.

### **WEATHER WRAP**

**August 29, 2000 3:30 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that flash floods and swift moving water washed out roads this afternoon. This truck driver thought he could make it across. But quickly found himself in trouble. Firefighters worked quickly to save him.

### **BEACH RUNOFF**

**September 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 02:00**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that some L.A. county beaches were closed for swimming because of high bacteria levels in the water. The areas affected were: Dockweiler State Beach, The beach around the Santa Monica Pier, and Will Rodgers State Beach.

### **DDT/MEXICO**

**September 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:37**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the pesticide DDT is still used widely in many developing countries. research is fueling the call for a worldwide ban. A study in Mexico found that the chemical has been stunting the physical and mental growth of children. They also found behavioral problems, slow development, and a lack of coordination. Scientists said DDT can also damage the reproductive system and is potentially lethal. Mexico said it will stop using the chemical by 2007. It is one of the few countries still producing it. Introducing new pesticides will be expensive, but not doing so could have devastating effects on generations to come.

### **QUAKE FOLO**

**September 5, 2000 8:00 P.M ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a five-year old boy was hurt in Sunday's earthquake near Napa. He's still in critical but stable condition. Nathan Schank was buried under hundreds of pounds of bricks from a fireplace. Damage estimates from the quake as high as 15-Million dollars. Local officials wanted an emergency declared so the area can be eligible for state and Federal funding assistance.

### **EXTINCT MONKEY**

**September 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the primate better known as the "Miss Waldron's Red Columbus" has gone extinct. The last spotting of one of these monkeys was more than twenty years ago. Scientists blame its demise on humans for hunting them, and disrupting their habitat by building and farming. This was the first time in a least 100 years that a primate has been pronounced extinct.

### **HIGH SURF**

**September 12, 2000 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:14**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported that the remnants of tropical storm Lane, off Baja, kicked up some waves. Surfers took advantage of the waves reaching up to eight feet! But lifeguards said they don't expect to make many rescues.



### **LATEST/FIRE**

**September 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the fierce wildfire in the Agua Dulce area burned up more than four hundred acres, at least three homes were destroyed, and two structures were burned. Already, 15 residences have been evacuated. A shelter was set up at High Desert Junior High School for families.

### **WESTERN FIRE**

**September 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that six western governors came together to ask Congress for additional moneys to help pay for what's being called the worst fire in 80 years. This summer, the Clinton Administration proposed spending 1.2 Billion dollars on firefighting in the West. The Governors of Utah, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and South Dakota wanted to nearly double that amount to just under 3 Billion dollars to help their states recover from the devastating summer wildfires. More than half would replenish money already spent for firefighting, leaving 700-Million dollars for the states to implement their own fire prevention plans. As of yesterday, 31 major fires were still burning in 9 states.

### **CALIFORNIA EARTHQUAKES**

**September 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:41**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that when it comes to earthquake dangers California is not alone. A new study suggests that you could be at risk no matter where you live in the U.S. A study by the federal Emergency Management Agency said there's plenty of earthquake risk to go around. Though California gets 74% of the projected risk damage. Fema said most major U.S. cities face some degree of Earthquake hazard. According to the study, the highest risk areas are California, the Pacific Northwest, the New Madrid region of the Mississippi River, coastal South Carolina, and New England. In this century alone, major earthquakes have rolled through 39 states.

### **NASA/NEW SUN IMAGES**

**September 26, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:15**

KCAL9 anchor Marti Skold reported that scientists were buzzing about NASA's new tool, one that might help them better understand the sun's atmosphere. We looked at spectacular time lapse images known as "Fountains of Fire". They're actually super hot electrified gas shooting from the sun's surface. The largest fountains can reach more than 300,000 miles high! These pictures could help physicists predict solar storms.

## **SHARK ATTACK**

**September 29, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a frightening shark attack had surfers on the defense. Paul Euwer was surfing in area of high surf known as the Mavericks in Northern California. Euwer told authorities he was a quarter of a mile off the shore when a ten

## HEALTH ISSUES

### **BLOOD SHORTAGE**

**July 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:44**

KCAL9 anchor Andre Moreau reported that the Red Cross needs blood. The group was running out of "O" Negative and Positive blood. Officials are hoping that Southlanders will help out. "O" is important because half the population has that type of blood and "O" Negative can be given to almost everyone. To donate blood you must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. You must not be at the risk for having the AIDS virus. For more information on where to give blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

### **NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS**

**July 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that new studies show Americans are more stressed out than ever before! A survey published by the American Psychological Association asked 2,000 people if they ever felt like they were going to have a nervous breakdown. 26-percent said yes. That's 13 percent more than when folks were asked 40 years ago. It appears the reasons folks are stressed have changed. In the late 50's people pointed to health problems. Recently, the most common reasons were divorce, marital strain, and troubles with the opposite sex.

### **TICK ILLNESS**

**July 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that scientists have unlocked how a deadly bacteria transmitted by ticks works. Like Lyme Disease, Ehrlichiosis is transmitted by a tiny Deer Tick. Scientists now know which part of the cell the bacteria attacks preventing the cell from fighting off the infection. Scientists are already working on the next step to not only find out how to protect against this disease, but also find new ways to treat other diseases.

### **PROZAC/PMS**

**July 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:34**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the bloating, the moodiness, and the dreadful sign of PMS are no longer! Great news for women, tops our look at health and medicine news. The FDA approved the first drug to treat that time of the month. And it's a name you probably know...Prozac, the drug commonly used to treat depression. The drug will be marketed under the name Sarafem, and it will be prescribed for the most severe type of PMS known as PMDD, or Pre-Menstrual Dysphoric Disorder. Clinical trials showed a 35% improvement in mood swings and other symptoms. Seraphim will be available next month.

### **NEW HIV TREATMENT**

**July 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:15**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that promising news to tell you about in the battle against HIV infection and AIDS. The Journal of the American Medical Association just briefed an International AIDS Conference in South Africa about the research. It combines today's treatments with an experimental immune therapy.

### **CELL PHONES**

**July 17, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:24**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the U.S. Cell phone industry is finally about to answer that question. Starting next month, manufacturers who want certification will have to submit information showing how much microwave energy enters a person's head when he or she uses a mobile phone. The industry said all cell phones sold in the U.S. are safe and meet Government regulations.

### **GENETIC FOODS**

**July 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:46**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a "Genetic Food Alert" around the nation began targeting such food giants as "Campbell's Soup" and "Kellogg's". Health and consumer groups have launched a campaign to take "Genetically Engineered Foods" off grocery store shelves until they are fully tested and labeled. Organizers said companies like Campbell's Soup and Kellogg's add genetically engineered corn and soy to their U.S. products without selling them, and they said the practice is increasing with unsuspecting consumers. A poll conducted for "Time" and CNN shows 81 percent of Americans want genetically engineered foods to be labeled as such.

### **ESTROGEN CRASH**

**July 19, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that each year thousands of young women are experiencing "estrogen crash". The condition usually strikes women who develop ovarian failure or have had surgical removal of their ovaries. The crash causes a drop in hormonal levels bringing on hot flashes, night sweats, and sleeplessness. But doctors now say a little patch can help. The Vivelle-Dot is the size of a postage stamp. It's applied twice weekly to the lower abdomen.

### **WOMEN'S HEALTH**

**July 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Andre Moreau reported that in an effort to lose weight, women exercise, diet, and count calories. But, health experts said too often they underestimate the importance of nutrition. They began encouraging women to learn how vitamins and supplements can improve their mental and physical health. They added that analyzing diet, nutrition, vitamins, and dietary supplements are critical for keeping bodies in good health.

### **COUNTY HEALTH**

**July 24, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:38**

KCAL 9 anchor David Gonzales reported that more people die in L.A. county from "murders and suicides" than from accidents. "The Health of Angelinos" study was conducted by the L.A. County Department of Health Services. Officials said it's an effort to improve the health of 10 million county residents. Here's what else the report said: According to the report, half of all Angelinos are overweight. About 18% of adults smoke cigarettes. 54% of all injury deaths are either murders or suicides. The other 46% of deaths are from motor-vehicle crashes, poisonings, and other accidents. Officials say that pattern is opposite most cities in the nation.

### **COFFEE/RHEUMATOID**

**July 26, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that one study has linked coffee to Rheumatoid Arthritis. The Finnish study was published in a British Journal this week. It found that people who drink four or more cups of coffee a day are twice as likely to get the disease as those who drink less. More than two-million Americans suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis which happens when the immune system breaks down and attacks the joints.

### **GOT MILK?**

**July 26, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:28**

KCAL anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the "Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine" is asking the government to investigate the health claims of the "Got Milk" ads. The doctors' group is against dairy products and believes milk is not so healthy. The "Got Milk" ads drew fire from an animal rights group a few months ago. Their "Got Beer" campaign encouraged college students to drink beer instead of milk.

### **NURSING HOME DANGERS**

**July 27, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:36**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the ten-year study concludes that many nursing homes are understaffed with potentially serious consequences. The report suggests that regulated levels of staffing may be necessary to deal with the problem. Nursing home advocates say if the government is going to mandate minimum staffing levels under Medicare and Medicaid to pay for more help.

### **E-COLI**

**July 28, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Jan Velez-Mitchell reported that recent government data studies have shown the number of E-Coli cases in the U.S. has stabilized. Although, the organism may still be a threat to many Americans. Four years ago, Haylee Bernstein ate salad greens and nearly died. She spent more than 14 weeks in the hospital undergoing blood transfusions and brain surgery. Health experts said despite improvements in the nation's slaughterhouses, the deadly bacteria "E-Coli" is still out there. Some have called for more research at the farm level since the dangerous form of E-Coli lives in the intestines of cows. The government that maintains the U.S. food supply is safest in the world and that ground beef is safe.

### **INVISIBLE BRACES**

**July 31, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:48**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that there's a new innovation in orthodontics for those who hate the look of traditional braces. They are "invisible" braces. Pro football player Mike Rucker is wearing them. They're really plastic aligners rather than braces, but they do the same job. Rucker's orthodontist said the device puts pressure on the teeth slowly moving them where they should be. Unlike regular braces, you take the invisible braces off to eat and brush your teeth. The cost of invisible braces varies depending on how much work you need, but expect to pay 20-50 percent more than with traditional braces.



### **SENIORS AND DRUGS**

**July 31, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new study on drug costs suggests that seniors are getting priced out of necessary medicines as costs soar. The study found the drug costs for seniors have doubled over the past eight years and predicts costs will double again over the next decade. The study was done by a group pushing for universal health care. The group hopes Medicare will expand to cover such drugs and give the government more bargaining power to force lower prices by drug-makers. \_

### **ATTENTION DEFECIT DISORDER**

**August 2, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported the kids with Attention Deficit Disorder will no longer have to interrupt their day to take their medicine. Now a new version of Ritalin, the drug most commonly used to treat ADHD, or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, can be taken in the morning and last for twelve hours. The drug, called Concerta, was approved by the FDA yesterday, and comes as great news to the two-and-a-half million children who make daily visits to the school nurse for their dose of medicine. While ADHD does not affect adults, it's most commonly found in children, particularly boys. Symptoms include short attention span and impulsive behavior.

### **WHO TOBACCO**

**August 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:35**

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a new report from the World Health Organization accuses U.S. Tobacco companies of secretly trying to undermine its anti-smoking campaigns. WHO says there are more than a billion smokers in the world, and four million deaths a year from smoke-related illnesses. The report claims the tobacco industry tried to turn other United Nations agencies against WHO for its programs. The tobacco companies named in the report do not deny the allegations.

### **QUITTING SMOKING**

**August 3, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL anchor Jaime Garza reported more good health-care advice. If you're a smoker trying to quit, but keep telling yourself the damage is already done-not true. A new study in the British Medical Journal shows that even when smokers kick the habit late in life, they avoid much of the risk of getting lung cancer, and if you quit before you turn 35, you eliminate the risk by more than 90%. Experts predict if patterns persist, smoking will kill one-billion people world-wide over the next century. That's ten times as many as in the last one-hundred years.

### **LA DIRTY BEACH**

**August 3, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that crews have not been successful in cleaning up the ocean. Experts say when you dive in the water, you may be coming out with more than you bargained for. The reports shows beach closures in the Southland are at an all time high.

### **TOBACCO DANGER**

**August 7, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:43**

KCAL anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new study on tobacco showed health hazards begin long before cigarettes are sold to smokers. A wake forest researcher said working in tobacco fields can make you sick. According to her study, workers get what's called a "Green Tobacco Sickness" as they're carrying tobacco leaves from the field. The study found that many migrant workers reportedly were afraid of taking off work because of this illness. Symptoms include headaches, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. The findings of the study are being presented at the world conference on tobacco in Chicago.

### **PREEMIE PROBLEMS**

**August 8, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL anchor Dave Gonzales reported that medical advances have helped more premature babies to survive, but a new study found out that found they continue to have problems later in life. Researchers at Syracuse University said children who were born premature are plagued by more behavioral, learning, and thinking problems than those who are full term. They also strongly advised parents of preemies to seek professional help, and to make efforts to enrich their babies' social and intellectual.

### **SMOKING CESSATION**

**August 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:33**

KCAL anchor Dave Gonzales reported that researchers say that when it comes to smoking, prevention is the best medicine. A new study found that educating teens about the dangers of smoking may be the key. The idea is to warn children before they even think of lighting up their first cigarette. The Surgeon General hops to cut the number of U.S. smokers by half, over the next 10 years.

### **PROZAC GENERIC**

**August 10, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:19**

KCAL anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a court has ruled Prozac's patent will expire next year. That means a cheaper, more generic form of the antidepressant may be available next August. The current cost of Prozac averages about two dollars and 63 cents a day. Prozac manufacturer "Eli Lilly" said it will appeal the appellate court.

### **CAFFEINE COLA**

**August 15, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:27**

KCAL anchor Terri Merryman reported that a new study has accused cola manufacturers of adding caffeine not for flavor, but to get people hooked. Cola makers are blasting the report, which appeared in this month's addition of "Archives of Family Medicine". The allegations are similar to those made against the tobacco industry accusing cigarette makers of using nicotine as an addictive stimulant, rather than for flavor.

### **ALLERGIES/GLOBAL WARMING**

**August 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:16**

KCAL anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new government study said that ragweed produces significantly more pollen when carbon dioxide increases, and global warming has been "linked" to an increase of carbon dioxide. The study shows that ragweed produces twice as much pollen as it did a hundred years ago and will probably double again within the next hundred years. Experts say the climate change will be a problem for people who suffer from allergies.

### **NORPLANT WARNING**

**August 17, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that doctors were being warned by Norplant Manufacturers to not prescribe the birth control. Apparently the company is urging doctors and wholesalers not to use implants shipped after last October. They are concerned they may not be effective. About six million women worldwide use match-stick size implants that slowly release a hormone that prevents pregnancy.

### **HERBAL REMEMDIES**

**August 22, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:47**

KCAL anchor Andre Moreau reported that a new study of herbal supplements shows that consumers may not be getting what the label promises. An independent study by the Test Organization Consumer Lab.com found that some supplements like Ginkgo-Biloba, Saw Palmetto and even some Vitamin C pills, did not contain the amounts claimed on the labels. Also, many ginseng products did not have the active ingredient but did have high levels of pesticides or lead. Another concern is that more studies have found that some herbs decrease the effectiveness of prescription medicines, so keep your doctor informed. Consumer Lab Dot-Com was founded by a physician and a former FDA Chemist and it's funded by private investors. Check out that website for more information.

### **CALPIRG/PETROLEUM**

**August 22, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:34**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that "Physicians for Social Responsibility" said that gasoline and diesel pollution pose such a huge health risk that hundreds of thousands of Californians get sick each year. The doctors cite a new report that has shown gasoline and diesel soot have polluted not only the air, but the ground and water as well. The group said diesel soot accounts for 71% of cancer risk from air pollution in L.A. County, and that childhood cancer and Leukemia rates are highest along the worst traffic-density corridors.

### **ASTHMA MEDICINE**

**August 23, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:23**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the FDA has approved a medicine that's safe for toddlers. It's called "Pumicort Respules". It's the first steroid pill for asthma patients that can be converted into a mist and inhaled a child as young as "on year old" can put on face-mask to be treated. Asthma is the most common chronic pediatric disease in America.

### **SCHOOL NURSES**

**August 28, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that parents are concerned about their kids health at school and with good reason. Many schools across the country don't have a nurse on staff. Experts say that's a big risk for schools to take, because the needs of kids have changed and more children have gotten sick. A survey of 47 states last year showed that less than one third required their schools to have a nurse on the premises.

### **HEART FAILURES**

**August 30, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:31**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new drug may help keep people alive with severe heart failure. The drug Carvedilol is one of the new beta-blocker medications that lighten the heart's workload. Researchers in Amsterdam said the drug has reduced the death rate in patients with severe heart failure by 35%. The drug has been used on patients who had mild to moderate heart disease. Some doctors feared the use of Beta-Blockers on patients with severe heart failure could be fatal because the drugs depress the heart rate.

### **ANTI-TOBACCO**

**August 30, 2000 10:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL 9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a major tobacco company is under huge fire again, this time for its huge advertising campaign. Consumer and health advocates say the massive campaign by Phillip Morris is deceptive in changing its image. Representatives of the American Lung Association, and other health advocates held a news conference. They claimed that Phillip Morris is trying to hide its negative reputation behind its charitable donations. Health advocates want local organizations to refuse donations by tobacco companies.

### **DIET CANCER**

**September 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:25**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a research group is working to teach Americans what to eat to beat a deadly disease. The American Institute for Cancer Research is launching a new campaign. The goal is to educate Americans on what a cancer protective diet looks like. The group said older Americans are turning to unproven diets and supplements to fight disease. But according to the institute, the key to battling cancer is a diet rich in fruit, vegetables, and whole grains.

### **BODY FAT TEST**

**September 5, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that researchers said it's body fat percentages you should be concerned about. Researchers have teamed up to develop new body fat percentage ranges. For the first time those body fat percentage ranges are linked to health risk. The new body fat ranges will be published in the September issue of The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. You can also find out more at our web site. Just go to KCAL.COM web links.



### **RX/DRUGS CAMPAIGN**

**September 5, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:34**

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that George W. Bush rolled out his plan to reform Medicare and provide prescription drug benefits to seniors. The 200-billion dollar Bush Plan would give seniors the option of selecting a drug plan through Medicare or a private provider. Democrat Al Gore wants to add a prescription drug program to present Medicare coverage. He charged that the U.S. can't afford both Bush's Medicare and tax cut proposals.

### **EYE LASER**

**September 11, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:40**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new laser surgery has helped patients losing their eyesight. Macular degeneration causes most cases of blindness in older adults. The new therapy called photo-dynamic therapy uses a light sensitive drug. It concentrates on damaged blood vessels that leak in the eye. A special laser light then activates the drug so it burns up the drug so it burns up the damaged blood vessels. The treatment provides new hope for patients like this one. Photo-dynamic therapy does not cure blindness in older adults, it only slows it down. Sometimes it comes back and patients need repeated treatments.

### **SUV CRASH TEST**

**September 13, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:45**

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that flimsy bumpers are giving most sport utility vehicles a failing grade on crash tests. Four of the five SUVs tested by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety received poor test ratings. The only decent performer was the BMW X5. It totaled two thousand dollars damage in four different five mile-per-hour crash tests. The Isuzu Trooper fared the worst. Damages in the tests totaled to 11-thousand dollars. Researchers said the problem is the design. The other cars tested included the Mitsubishi Montero, the Isuzu Rodeo, and the Nissan XTerra.

### **STUDENT HEALTH**

**September 14, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:26**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the University of California regents will vote on a new measure requiring all UC students to have health insurance. Students would have to purchase insurance that covers services beyond those provided for free university clinics. The students have to have proof of coverage before enrolling in classes. University officials estimate that 40% of the undergraduate students statewide are uninsured, and many drop out when they have medical problems they can't pay for. One place to get the insurance: the college itself. The UC system expects to offer group rates for students.



### **FLU DRUG**

**September 18, 2000 12:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:36**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that there's a new pill to make you better faster. It's called TampiFlu. According to a study just released, patients who took the drug within twelve hours of getting sick experienced a significant reduction in the duration of their illness. The benefits went down for those who took it 24-hours after on-set. TampiFlu has already become the number one prescribed anti-viral cold treatment in northern America.

### **CLEAN HANDS**

**September 18, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:20**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that according to a new survey having clean hands isn't a top priority for many Americans. A survey conducted for microbiology asked more than a thousand people across the country, "How many wash your hands after using a public restroom?" 95% said they did. Observers went around to 5 cities.

### **ELECTIVE SURGERIES**

**September 19, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:39**

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that one of the worst blood shortages ever is a reality. Hospitals in major cities are being forced to cancel elective surgery. The American Red Cross is urging people to donate blood to ease the dangerous situation. Especially hard hit in L.A. is county USC Medical Center. They handle nearly one-third of trauma cases in L.A. county. A critical blood shortage is extremely serious. Officials said that the next step will be no blood on the shelf and nothing available for even emergency cases. If you'd like to help, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to donate blood.

### **OLESTRA STUDY**

**September 24, 2000 Sun ( ) TRT 00:00**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that new research said snacks that contain fat substitute can help people lower their cholesterol levels and overall fat intake. Olestra is a synthetic fat that the body can't absorb. Procter & Gamble, which markets fat-free Pringles and Frito-Lay's "WOW" chips, conducted the study. It found that people who ate the equivalent of about five or more Olestra chips every day ended up with blood cholesterol readings 15 points lower on average than those who ate no Olestra products. Their overall daily fat intake also fell a bit. But this doesn't mean people will lose weight by eating fake fat products.

### **DIABETES KIDS**

**September 25, 2000 8:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:42**

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a new device could prove to be a life-saver for millions of children with diabetes. Doctors unveiled the "Continuous Glucose Monitoring System". The device is the first of its kind. It does away with the old system of checking Glucose Levels with a needle. Instead, this monitor keeps constant track of those levels 24 hours a day. For now, many children will still have to use needles to check their Glucose levels. But doctors hope that soon, all diabetic kids will be able to use the device instead.

### **EXERCISE/IMPOTENCE**

**September 29, 2000 2:00 P.M. ( ) TRT 00:30**

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new study has linked exercise and male impotence. It appears men who exercise are less likely to become impotent. Men who burned 200 calories a day had far less risk of erectile dysfunction than men who didn't exercise. 200 calories can be burned by a brisk two mile walk. Researchers say doing at least that amount cuts the risk of impotence in half. Of course men who exercise also get other benefits such as reduced risk for heart disease and diabetes.